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Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to convey its positions on Security Council resolution 1307 (2000) of 13 July 2000 concerning Prevlaka.

1. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia remains committed to solving the disputed issue of Prevlaka in accordance with article 4 of the Agreement on Normalization of Relations between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Croatia, signed in Belgrade on 23 August 1996 (A/51/318-S/1996/706, annex), and will not consider itself bound by any agreement outside and/or contrary to the Agreement.

2. The provision of the resolution relative to the border crossings containing the bracketed reference to Montenegro by the name of Yugoslavia is not acceptable to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. It is contrary to the said Agreement and amounts to an attempt to circumvent the fact that the issue can be solved only with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a sovereign State. Under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, questions relative to State borders, border crossings and relations with sovereign States fall within the exclusive competence of the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

3. The opening of border crossings without an agreement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is contrary to international law and the relevant domestic laws of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Accordingly, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia cannot accept the support provided to the undertaking in the resolution. The position was communicated to the Security Council by the letters of the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations dated 16 June and 6 July 2000 (S/2000/602 and S/2000/653, respectively), and the Croatian side was advised thereof in time.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vladislav **Jovanovic**
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